What are the issues?

Now that we have a fundamental understanding of the candidates biographies, I want to begin to dive deeper into learning about the issues at stake in this election and where the candidates stand on the most important issues.

Let’s begin by taking a survey of what issues matter most to YOU!

1. What three issues in this election matter most to you?

Rank these pre-selected issues:

* Jobs and the Economy
* Education and College
* Energy and the Enviornment
* Immigration
* Tax Policy
* Health Care
* Foreigm Policy and Defense
* Social Issues
* Terrorism
* Guns and Violence

Part 2: Working individually, I want you to find out what the candidates think. You can choose three issues from above to research.

How to research: Once we have developed a broad overview of the candidates and their positions and where they stand on the key issues, we can shift to focusing in more on one specific issue.

INFORMATION:

The nonprofit, nonpartisan organization [ProCon.org](http://2016election.procon.org/view.source-summary-chart.php) offers a side-by-side comparison of where all the 2016 presidential candidates stand on dozens of issues. When you click on an issue, you will see relevant quotes made by the various candidates.

[ISideWith](https://www.isidewith.com/candidate-guide/donald-trump-vs-hillary-clinton) and [Digg](http://digg.com/2016/trump-hillary-clinton-comparison) also offer comparisons of Mr. Trump and Hillary Clinton on various issues.

A number of sites provide side-by-side comparisons on specific issues, such as [education](http://www.edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/president-candidates-trump-clinton-education.html), the [economy](http://graphics.wsj.com/elections/2016/donald-trump-hillary-clinton-on-the-economy/), [foreign policy](http://www.cfr.org/campaign2016/) and [immigration](http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2016/jul/15/compare-candidates-clinton-vs-trump-immigration/).

In addition, the [Clinton](https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/) and [Trump](https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions) websites provide the official candidate positions on many issues.